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hand pump. Instruct Fox to purchase, in manner prescribed in regulations, necessary material in Seattle, forwarding proposals and bills here, accepting most favorable bids, payable from epidemic fund. If other material needed wire Bureau and if necessary supply from your stock, rendering account. Acknowledge.

WYMAN.

FOSTER, *Port Townsend Quarantine, Port Townsend, Wash.*

Smallpox at Cape Nome.

NOME, ALASKA, *July 1, 1900.*

SIR: I respectfully report that there are now at this place 17 cases of smallpox.

The cases are, all but 1, among passengers from the steamer *Oregon*, of and from Seattle, and 1 from the steamer *Ohio*, of New York, which sailed from your port (San Francisco) to Seattle, Wash., and then to this port.

The cases have been removed to a camp outside of the town as soon as possible after discovery, and every means taken to prevent spread, but from the local conditions and lack of facilities and appliances there is great danger.

All vessels departing will be directed to report to the quarantine station at the port of their arrival.

Respectfully,

D. H. JARVIS,
First Lieutenant, R. C. S.,
Acting Special Agent Treasury Department.

Inspection service at Dutch Harbor.

DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA, *July 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Bureau that on my arrival at this station I find the hospital building almost ready for occupancy and of a character suitable for the purposes intended. The hospital supplies are not, however, expected to arrive here much earlier than August 1. It will not, therefore, be practicable to open the hospital for admission of patients for some time to come.

I find that the officers of the Revenue Cutter Service have, on account of the reported existence of 30 or more cases of smallpox at Nome, instituted an inspection of vessels arriving from the above-named port. As the cutters will shortly sail from this port, I propose, subject to the approval of the Bureau, to continue this inspection. For this purpose, it will be necessary to hire a rowboat and one or more oarsmen, in the absence of a launch.

This letter is written hurriedly in order that it may be forwarded by the revenue cutter *Manning*, which is on the point of sailing. Further details will be forwarded to the Bureau as opportunity is offered.

Respectfully,

DUNLOP MOORE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Mobile refuses to allow passengers on fruit vessels from all fruit ports of Central America.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 28, 1900.*

Mobile refuses to allow passengers hereafter on fruit vessels from all fruit ports of Central America.

WYMAN.

VANCE, *American Consulate, Belize, British Honduras.*